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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 7295

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SHUM, CG

SUBJECT: INTERNAL AMNESTY MEASURE BECOMES LAW

REF: KINSHASA 7165

1. ZAIRIAN PRESS JULY 12 PUBLISHED FOLLOWING TEXT OF INTERNAL AMNESTY MEASURE (REFTEL): "EVERY ZAIRIAN WHO HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF THE INFRACTION OF THREATENING THE INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL SECURITY OF THE STATE AND WHO FINDS HIMSELF ON THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE ON THE DATE THAT THE PRESENT ORDINANCE-LAW GOES INTO EFFECT IS AMNESTIED."

2. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
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MOBUTU REJECTED THE COUNCIL'S REQUEST THAT THE INTERNAL AMNESTY MEASURE APPLY TO ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS BROADLY DEFINED, INCLUDING THOSE CONDEMNED BY THE MILITARY (FAZ) COURTS. MOBUTU REPORTEDLY INFORMED MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU DURING THEIR JULY 6-9 MEETING THAT NO FORMER MILITARY PERSONNEL WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE AMNESTY. THE FORMER FAZ OFFICERS AND MEN FOUND GUILTY DURING THE 1975 AND 1978 COUP PLOT TRIALS WILL THEREFORE

REMAIN IN PRISON.

3. IT APPEARS THAT NO PRISONERS HAD BEEN RELEASED AS OF JULY
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